SUBJECT No. 104.

Remission of wet assessment.

Messrs. Hutchveeregowda, Ramanujaiengar, Gubbi taluk, and Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the distress in the year *Kilaka*, Government were pleased to render assistance to the poor by granting money, takavi loans, time to pay *kushki* kandayam and by granting remission of half assessment on wet lands. Some people are now suffering a good deal by not having enough to live upon, owing to great failure of rains and crops last year. The kandayam has however been paid by incurring debts, etc., owing to the fear of the lands being sold. Now-a-days some portions of land get rain and others none. Government are aware of this. It is prayed, therefore, that as was done in the year *Kilaka*, the granting of remission of half wet assessment during the years when tanks do not fill may be ordered. Even if tanks fill, it is too late for the *Kartika* crop and the tanks are usually too small for any *Vaisakhi* crop to be grown. Thus the raiyats are not able to raise any good crops in any year. The raiyats have no objection to the wet assessment itself being raised, if it will be remitted when the tanks do not fill. Under the present system, the raiyats have to pay the assessment whether they get any crops or not.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 105.

Stone sluices for tanks.

(*a*) Messrs. Nadig Bhistappa, Rama Rao and Nadig Swami Rao, Sorab taluk

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Very few of the tanks in the malnad are at present provided with sluices of masonry and even these do not stand the conditions of nature. It is therefore desirable to provide durable sluices cut out of stone, for the malnad tanks, to avoid frequent repairs.

(*b*) Mr. Chikka Badappa, Sira taluk.

(*b*) As the sluices of tanks are constructed of brick and mortar they wear away soon, endangering sometimes the safety of the bund, and need frequent repairs. It is necessary therefore to get these built of stone.

Reply of Government.—Individual cases in which the existing sluices are not found to be satisfactory may be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner so that he may take the necessary action through the Public Works Department.

SUBJECT No. 106.

Locking the sluices.

Mr. Hutchveeregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The channels of the large tanks are provided with *madabois* (pipes). When there is a small quantity of water in tanks and when water has to be supplied to fields at a distance of 3 or 4 miles from the *madaboi*, the closure of the nearer *madabois* of channels is necessary. Since mischievous raiyats interfere with the sluice and open the *madaboi* at nights, the holders of the distant fields will not have a sufficient supply of water. When it was prayed in 1908 that the sluices and *madabois* should be provided with locks, it was ordered